VAN RENSSELAER GARDEN CLUB (VRGC) Nina Pattison Memorial Scholarship Application

- Two (2) scholarships Maximum \$500 will be available for award in 2023;
 - One (1) scholarship for educational expenses will be awarded to a graduating Rensselaer County high school student who intends to study horticulture or a related field at an institute of higher learning, AND,
 - One (1) scholarship will be awarded to a Rensselaer County resident who demonstrates financial assistance need for continuing education, master gardener certification, landscape design, horticulture, or any related field;
- Scholarships are available to Rensselaer County residents only;
- Applications will be available January 1 of each year, and the <u>deadline for submission is May 31, 2023</u>;
- Awards will be announced June 30, 2023;
- Each recipient will be required to submit a written report to VRGC detailing their experience, **AND** make a brief presentation to the VRGC at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting;
- Scholarships will be open to members of VRGC, and their family members, with the exception of members of the selection committee;
- Recipients are eligible to re-apply in succeeding years;
- If possible, all awards will be paid directly to the school, organization or entity that each recipient will attend;
- The selection committee shall consist of four (4) members of the VRGC general membership and the VRGC President or his/her designee;
- The decisions of the selection committee are final.

VAN RENSSELAER GARDEN CLUB (VRGC) ASSOCIATION (if any)

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BRIEFLY EXPLAIN YOUR INTERESTS, CURRENT PROJECTS, EDUCATIONAL PLANS AND/OR IDEAS IN THE AREAS OF HORTICULTURE, LANDSCAPE DESIGN, CONSERVATION OR ANY OTHER FIELD THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PURSUING:
IN WHAT WAYS ARE YOU HOPING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE HORTICULTURE, LANDSCAPING OR CONSERVATION FIELDS WITHIN YOUR AREA OF STUDY OR CONTINUING EDUCATION (ie. Community impact, climate resiliency) ?
IN WHAT WAYS WILL YOU CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR COMMUNITY POST-STUDY?
WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE PLANS IN THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED AREAS, AND WHAT EFFECT WOULD THE AWARD OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP HAVE ON THESE PLANS? HOW WOULD YOUR PLANS BE AFFECTED IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE THIS YEAR'S SCHOLARSHIP:
BRIEFLY EXPLAIN WHY YOU ARE THE RIGHT APPLICANT TO RECEIVE THE NINA PATTISON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

ALL APPLICATIONS, ON-LINE OR BY MAIL, ARE DUE TO THE VRGC BY MAY 31, 2023 ON-LINE APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO: VRGCGROWS22@GMAIL.COM MAILED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO: PO Box 618, Wynantskill, NY 12198 RECIPIENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED ON OR ABOUT JUNE 30, 2023